

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 7136–7138, and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1148, were introduced. **Pages H9538–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9539**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9527**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9536**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H9537.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yeas and nays, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3593, the “Securing Our Borders and Wilderness Act”; H.R. 5025, to amend the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act to limit the imposition of penalties against a person fishing on a United States flag fishing vessel in certain areas of the Pacific Ocean based on a report by an observer on such a vessel; H.R. 6507, the “Oil Region National Heritage Area Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 6602, to reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, and for other purposes; H.R. 6652, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to the Kennewick Irrigation District, and for other purposes; H.R. 6939, the “Restoring Local Input and Access to Public Lands Act of 2018”; S. 245, the “Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2017”; and S. 669, the “Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act”. H.R. 3593 and H.R. 6652 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5025, H.R. 6507, H.R. 6602, H.R. 6939, S. 245, and S. 669 were ordered reported, without amendment.

EXAMINING MISCONDUCT AND RETALIATION AT THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Misconduct and Retaliation at the U.S. Forest Service”. Testimony was heard from Vicki Christiansen, Chief, U.S. Forest Service; Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, Department of Agriculture; and a public witness.

EXPLORING VA’S OVERSIGHT OF CONTRACT DISABILITY EXAMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Exploring VA’s Oversight of Contract Disability Examinations”. Testimony was heard from Margarita Devlin, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Elizabeth H. Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Team, Government Accountability Office.

A CONTINUED REVIEW OF GI BILL PAYMENT DELAYS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “A Continued Review of GI Bill Payment Delays”. Testimony was heard from Paul R. Lawrence, Undersecretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS REFORM

Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform: Committee began a markup of the Committee’s report, recommendations, and legislative language, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.